

REPORT ON 2019 AUCTION SALE OF HAY & STRAW

The 58th Adkin Annual Sale of Hay & Straw is the second to be held in conjunction with Thimbleby & Shorland, for the express purpose of maintaining this important service to the farming community. The sale was held at Ardington, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 15th January 2019 and met with a lively trade for hay, but a rather steadier one for straw. The shortage of fodder due to the dry summer is still evident and means that hay is in strong demand. Straw in big bales met a fair trade which reflected the present market, with a near 100% clearance. There was no significant trade for straw in conventional bales however, which would seem to be due to both the extra cost of handling and that demand can be met from supplies of big bales. All lots were of excellent quality, the summer being one of the best years for making hay and baling straw for a long time.

Thanks go to our regular vendors for maintaining supplies given the strong demand there has been since harvest, and also to new vendors. We also thank all buyers for their continued support. 2019 will be an eventful year whatever happens to the weather, and we look forward to continuing to provide this service in the years to come.

The principal prices achieved were:

HAY Big Bales

Meadow

Claas 2100 bales Organic Meadow Hay £36.00 per bale (Marcham Farms Ltd)

Claas 2100 bales Meadow Hay to £49.00 per bale (R Pert & Sons), average £34 per bale, 70% clearance.

Conventional Bales

To £5.50 per bale (Mrs C Ackrill), average £5.00 per bale, 100% clearance

Seeds

NH BB9060 bales Timothy/Ryegrass Hay £50 per bale (G D Lay & Partners)

STRAW Big Bales

Spring Barley Straw (100% clearance)

Claas 3300 bales of Spring Barley Straw £30.00 per bale (A Franklin)

Krone 1290 bales of Spring Barley Straw £31.40 per bale (W L Bowden & Son)

Wheat Straw (90% clearance)

Claas 3200 bales to £19.67 per bale (Delafield Brothers)

MF 2140 bales £9.00 per bale (Bitmead Cholsey Partnership)

Conventional Bales

£1 per bale for a small quantity of wheat and a small quantity of barley, otherwise no trade.

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